

FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES AND THE  
KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

*No Session of the Senate Yesterday.  
Removal of the Naval Observatory.  
Political Disabilities Removed.  
Business on the Private Calendar.  
Neither House in Session To-day.*

**SENATE.**  
FRIDAY, March 29, 1878.  
The Senate was not in session to-day.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**  
Mr. HARRIS (Mass.), from the Committee on Naval Affairs, presented a substitute for

Mr. MONROE, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported back the bill relating to telegraphic communication between the United States and foreign countries. Ordered printed.

Mr. SINGLETON, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported a bill making appropriation to supply a deficiency in the miscellaneous fund of the House of Representatives. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The regular order having been demanded, the Speaker called the committee for reports.

Mr. HARTRIDGE, from Judiciary Committee, reported bills to remove the political disabilities of Oscar F. Johnson, of Georgia; Isaac A. Reed, of Louisiana; Henry G. Thomas, W. B. St. Clair, and R. L. Page, of Virginia; John T. Mason, of Maryland; Bluff

Mr. EDEN, from the Committee on War Claims, reported back the bill for the payment of claims reported allowed by the Commissioners of Claims under the act of March 1, 1871. Passed.

referred to the private calendar.  
Mr. STEPHENS introduced a bill to promote the general use of the metric system. Referred.  
The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Private Calendar, Mr. BEANE in the chair.  
The pending bill was that for the relief of the Bartholomew County Agricultural Society.

In the course of the discussion of the bill Mr. CONGER argued that it was a remarkable case for members of an agricultural society in the North to ask payment for the occupation of their fair-grounds by Federal troops. There was not a fair-ground from Maine to Kansas that was not at some time or other occupied by soldiers of the Union, but this society alone

Mr. COBB repudiated the insinuation contained in the remark of Mr. CONGER.

Mr. LUTTRELL suggested that as Mr. CONGER knew so much about the Knights of the Golden Circle that perhaps he belonged to them.

member of the Committee of War Claims in the last Congress when the bill was reported unanimously. Since then he has ascertained something about the Knights of the Golden Circle. He was derelict in duty in not making these facts known at the last session. Perhaps the gentleman belonged to that treasonable organization. [Laughter.]

from Illinois so sensitive, and show so much feeling in the matter. He denied that he had ever favored this bill in committee. He said the same things there that he said now about agricultural societies asking pay for the use of their grounds. He had too much respect for the feelings of some gentlemen on the other side of the House, and especially Mr. LOTT, to say that they belonged to the

Mr. LUTTRELL said he and Mr. COXON had served in the same company and regiment during the late war, and that was the stay-at-home guard, and now they were both trying to fight their battles over again. He regretted so much talk about loyalty. He would compare with pride the soldiers on the Democratic with those on the Republican side and would favorably compare the rebel

Mr. TOWNSEND (N. Y.) inquired whether the gentleman had not emigrated from the South to the West.

Mr. LUTTRELL said he had.

Mr. TOWNSEND. Then why are not you carpet-bagger, like the rest? [Laughter.]

Mr. CALDWELL moved to strike out the emigrating clause of the bill.

The motion was agreed to; and the committee rose, and the House continued that action. And then (at 3:35) the House adjourned until Monday.

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**A POLITICAL DINNER PARTY.**

Republican Senator Discussing the Administration.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—It appears that there was a dinner party at Don Cameron's residence, last week, attended by prominent Republican Senators, which was intended to be an informal caucus to consider the future of the party. There were present Senators Conkling, Howe, Ingalls, Chaffee, Wallbridge,

James of Nevada, Mitchell, and others. The terms of the Senators named expire one year hence, and the selection of their successors by Republican successor depends upon the result of the election to be held this fall. They are, of course, particularly anxious about the coming campaign, and unanimously agreed to consider all the other rights that something

must be done to revive Republican enthusiasm. To do this there must be some indication of sympathy from the White House, else the party must unload the President altogether, and it was there resolved to take such action in the Senate as to compel the President to enlist himself with the Republicans or drive him entirely out of the party.

**American Goods in Ceylon.**  
In answer to the trade circular of the Department of State, the Consul at Colombo, the island of Ceylon, suggests that there is room for opening a limited direct trade, at two cargoes annually, in the following articles: Flour, hay, oats, shorts, oat meal in a tight case, kerosene, spirits of turpentine, &c.

pitch, resin, carriage-wheels and axles, broom  
wooden pails, buggies, carryalls, and cabin  
organs.

**South Carolina Revenue War.**  
Collector Brayton sent, from Columbia,  
C., yesterday, the following dispatch to Com-  
missioner Rasm:

The revenue raiding force, which left Sta-

The recruit landing force, which left Spartanburg, has just returned from a successful expedition on the North Carolina border, having destroyed eleven illicit distilleries, 25,000 gallons of beer and mash, and 260 gallons whisky.